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# FOOD INFORMATION CALENDAR

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . June 13, the House passed the budget bill for government corporations; the House passed a bill to extend for 7 months the time during which alcohol plants may produce sugars and sirups (ready for the President); the Senate passed a modified bill to continue price control. June 14, the Senate passed a bill to authorize this Department to condemn unfit materials used in process or renovated butter (ready for the President); the Senate confirmed the renomination of I. W. Duggan as FCA governor. June 17, the House passed bills to continue federal administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program for 2 years, to continue the Sugar Act for 1 year, to provide that future peanut allotments and quotas shall be at least as much as in 1941, to provide peanut marketing quotas and acreage allotments in 1947, to provide for an animal quarantine station on Swan Island, and to reduce the public debt limit to 275 billion dollars.

June 18, the Senate agreed to the conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill (ready for the President); the Senate passed the bill to decrease the public debt limit (ready for the President); the Senate Finance Committee reported a bill to authorize Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation to purchase GI loans. June 20, the House Agriculture Committee ordered reported a bill to continue the farm labor supply program for 6 months from December 31, 1946..

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NATIONAL HOME FOOD PRESERVATION WEEK. . . . July 15-22 has been set aside by the Department as a week "of spadework and education" on home food preservation. "This week, of course, is only the inauguration of the real program ahead," Secretary Anderson emphasizes.

In view of the world-wide food shortage the Secretary is asking American women to equal or exceed their war-time average of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  billion quarts of fruits and vegetables preserved. Indications are that there will be ample vegetables and fruits for filling the suggested number of quarts. The fact sheet on peaches has now been distributed and this record crop is being pushed for canning. The Office of Information has copies of the sheet.

Various consumer and trade groups, the Famine Emergency Committee, the National Garden Institute, the National Red Cross, and many other public and private groups are actively cooperating in the 1946 Home Food Preservation program.

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KENNETH M. GAPEN, USDA's Western radio adviser and director, will take over the duties of John Baker, USDA Radio Chief, when Mr. Baker leaves the Department on July 12 to start a farm manuscript service for radio stations with Samuel L. Veitch, publisher of the National County Agent Magazine. Mr. Gapen is now stationed in San Francisco. He will come to Washington about July 1.

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4-H CAMP RECOMMENDATIONS. . . . "If we understood the aims and ambitions of other nations and they understood our intentions much of the international distrust and suspicion would be eliminated," agreed the 180 4-H Club boys and girls who attended the National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, June 11 to 18.

The delegates suggested the following ways 4-H members can promote international good will: (1) discussions in local 4-H Clubs on understanding parents "since the foundations of a stable government depend upon peace in the home," (2) study by 4-H Clubs of the United Nations, (3) 4-H gifts of clothing and food for needy people in devastated countries, (4) exchanges of letters between 4-H Clubs and foreign individuals and families, (5) 4-H scholarships for foreign students to study in this country, and (6) an addition to the national 4-H Club pledge so that each member will pledge his loyalties to "My world," as well as to "my club, my community, and my country." These recommendations relate to the 4-H Guidepost, "Serving as citizens in maintaining world peace," and are suggestive of the objective for this year's camp, "Learning to live in a changing world."

The boys and girls adopted unanimously comprehensive recommendations for developing the 4-H program presented by the 8 committees that had made a special study of the National 4-H Guideposts during the week. Reports containing the recommendations are being mimeographed and will be made generally available by Extension Service within the next week.

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OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK, recently proclaimed by President Truman for July 21-27, is urged by Secretary Anderson (memorandum No. 1162) for three specific reasons: (1) Farming has one of the highest accident rates of all occupations; (2) Farmers generally are not covered by workmen's compensation laws as are most industrial workers; (3) Accidents can be prevented. The National Safety Council estimates that more than 16,000 farm people were killed and 1,500,000 injured in 1945. Secretary Anderson also reminds that prevention of fires and accidents on farms will be a direct contribution to famine relief.

Assistant Secretary Brannan is responsible for the coordination and general supervision of the Department's farm safety activities. The Department's Safety Council will supply technical assistance to agencies of the Department in formulating farm safety programs.

A new feature of the President's proclamation on Farm Safety Week this year is the suggestion that farm people resolve to eliminate at least one hazard a day until their farms are as safe as they can possibly make them.

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PLENTIFUL FOODS FOR JULY . . . . Foods expected to be plentiful in July throughout the greater part of the country include potatoes, onions, heavy tom turkeys, lemons--also peaches in areas east of the Rockies. In addition, locally grown fresh vegetables will be abundant in many areas. Cantaloups and watermelons are expected to be more plentiful than they were last year. Eggs will be available in quantity in almost all areas unless present shortages of feed result in lowered production.

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GOALS AND PRICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. . . . First work of the newly-named  
1947 Goals and Price Coordinating Committee will be review of commodity committee recommendations on wheat, rye, and winter vegetables. Suggested national goals and price supports on these crops are scheduled for submission to the States on July 1. Membership of the Goals and Price Coordinating Committee is as follows:

H. B. Boyd, PMA, Chairman	Sherman E. Johnson, BAE
Phillip F. Aylesworth, PMA, Exec. Sec.	Paul Kepner, Extension Service
Joseph A. Becker, OFAR	E. A. Meyer, PMA
Dave Davidson, PMA	W. A. Minor, Of. of Secretary
C. C. Farrington, PMA	O. V. Wells, Chief of BAE
D. A. FitzGerald, PMA	R. Y. Winters, ARA

In constituting the 17 commodity committees this year, special effort was made to include all agencies and individuals specially interested in goals and price supports and those having special contributions to make to the work. Plans being made for a "bigger and better" Outlook Conference October 7 to 12 include a working conference to arrive at recommended commodity goals, with the commodity committees and other State and USDA groups concerned with the program taking part.

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INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD COUNCIL was officially organized June 20 to replace the Combined Food Board. Out of 21 countries invited to membership in the IEFC only the Soviet Union failed to reply or send a representative. The 20 countries who are now members are: Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, France, India, Denmark, United Kingdom and the United States (who were named to the 9-member central committee or operating unit), and Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Greece, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Siam, Turkey, and the Union of South Africa. The IEFC is an outgrowth of the Special Meeting on Urgent Food Problems in May called by FAO. In line with an agreement at this meeting, Sir John Boyd Orr, Director-General of FAO is to propose a secretary general for IEFC to the group today, June 21.

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Suggestion--tear this radio schedule off and keep it for ready reference.

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RADIO SCHEDULE, JUNE 29. . . . AMERICAN FARMER, ABC, 12:30 p.m., EST, "The Business Side of Farming," weekly USDA report for farmers.

CONSUMER TIME, NBC, 12:15 p.m., EST. The why and wherefore of the large potato supply and practical suggestions for using potatoes to fill in for foods needed for relief shipments.

NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR, NBC, 1:00 p.m., EST, summary of news developments for farmers called "Department of Agriculture Headlines."

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ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN AGRICULTURE. . . . The Retraining and Reemployment Administration of the Department of Labor recently sent to State approving agencies suggested minimum standards for approval of agricultural establishments offering on-the-job training courses to veterans. The standards were furnished the States to assist them in preventing the exploitation and squandering of veterans' rights under the GI Bill of Rights. The standards were agreed upon by a federal interagency committee convened by the Retraining and Reemployment Administration. Agencies represented on the committee include: USDA, the Department of Commerce, Labor, Navy, and War, and the Office of Education, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Civil Service Commission, and veterans' Administration. The standards were also discussed with and approved by various organizations interested in veterans and in farm labor.

In suggesting the minimum standards to the States, Major General Graves B. Erskine, head of the Retraining and Reemployment Administration, stressed the fact that State approving agencies have full responsibility for devising their own criteria and standards and that many States have established higher minimum standards than those recommended by the committee.

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SOME SELECTED USDA RELEASES. . . . Grain warehouse rates increased because of higher costs--1297; Mid-West dairymen receive OES fluid milk price increase--1296; Farm labor facts and figures--1292; USDA announces deadline dates on beef feeder subsidy--1306; World sugar production drops--1312; Third quarter (July-September 1946) sugar allocations--1311; Jesse B. Gilmer leaves as PMA deputy administrator and vice president of CCC--1322; Can Famine Be Prevented, June 15 broadcast of Secretary Anderson and Sir John Boyd Orr--1313; Poultry improvement officials to meet in St. Louis week of July 22--1327; Dr. O. C. Stine named assistant chief of BAE--1326; Special mid-month reports on wheat and corn crops to be prepared by Crop Reporting Board--1324; Protein meal set-aside continued at 10 percent "until further announcement"--1331; Potato shipments top previous year--1328; Weevils threaten 1946 cotton crop--1329; Secretary Anderson outlines tentative government food procurement plans for 1946-47--1336; U. S. farm mortgage debt lowest since 1915--1341; Wheat order amended to facilitate grain flow--1358; OES directs USDA to purchase barley for livestock feeding--1356.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL INTEREST. . . Second home canning sugar stamp (Spare No. 10) for five pounds to be validated July 1; sugar for bakers reduced to same ration basis as most other industrial users for July-September allotment period--OPA-6566; Retail increases of 11 cents a pound for butter, six cents a pound for cheddar cheese, and one cent for 14½ ounce cans of evaporated milk announced, eff. on manufacturing level 6/17/46--OPA-6571; Ceiling price on potatoes suspended from June 19 through June 26 with 50-day extension planned--OPA-6579.

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